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TITLE OF INVENTION: MAGNETIC HEAD SLIDER HAVING OPTIMIZED RATIO OF NEGATIVE PRESSURE BEARING TO A FRONT OR CENTER STEP BEARING

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